

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (withdrawn): A method for constructing a fence with a wall appearance and characteristics, which comprises the steps of:

erecting a plurality of fence posts including two end fence posts;

erecting two temporary ratcheting posts beyond the two end fence posts with a plurality of ratchets fixed on the ratcheting posts;

stringing a plurality of high-tension tensile wires between the temporary ratcheting posts;

tensioning the high-tension tensile wires with the ratchets;

securing the high-tension tensile wires to the fence posts;

securing wire lath to the pre-stressed high-tension tensile wires;

applying fence coating material to the wire lath;

cutting the high-tension tensile wires beyond the end fence posts; and

removing the temporary ratcheting posts.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises:

marking fence layout and post locations according to a survey;

digging post holes in the marked post locations;

placing the fence posts in the post holes;

plumbing and aligning the fence posts; and

securing the fence posts in the post holes by concrete.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 2, which further comprises digging the post holes with an 8''X 10'' diameter and a 24'' depth.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises touching up the end fence posts where the high-tension tensile wires were cut.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises painting with a final coat to the surface of the fence coating material.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises determining the size and number of the fence posts by fence dimension, configuration, soil condition and local construction regulations.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises securing the fence posts in the postholes by 2500psi concrete.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises securing the fence posts in the postholes by pulling the fence posts a distance upwards before the concrete sets.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises stringing the high-tension tensile wires between the temporary ratcheting posts at one side of the fence posts.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises stringing the high-tension tensile wires between the temporary ratcheting posts at both sides of the fence posts.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises stringing the high-tension tensile wires spaced at about an 8-12 inch vertical separation.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises tensioning the high-tension tensile wires with a torque of about 150-250 LBS per square inch.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises securing the wire lath to the high-tension tensile wires with fastener clips.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises securing the wire lath to the fence posts.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises performing the step of applying fence coating material to the wire lath by:

applying a scratch coat to the wire lath;

applying a brown coat to the surface of the scratch coat; and

applying a finish coat to the surface of the brown coat.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An intermediate fence construction system, comprising:

a plurality of fence posts including end fence posts;

a ratcheting system including at least two temporary ratcheting posts, at least one of said ratcheting posts having a plurality of fastening locations;

a plurality of ratchets secured at least at some of said fastening locations;

a plurality of high-tension tensile wires running between said temporary ratcheting posts and secured to said plurality of

fence posts, at least one end of each of said high-tension tensile wires being connected to a respective one of said ratchets, said high-tension tensile wires being tensioned to a pre-determined tension by actuating said ratchets;

a wire lath secured to said plurality of tensioned high-tension tensile wires and said fence posts; and

a fence coating applied to said wire lath;

said tensioned high-tension tensile wires being cut between said end fence posts and said ratcheting posts compressing said wire lath and said fence coating.

Claims 17-18 (cancelled).

Claim 19 (previously presented): The intermediate fence construction system according to claim 16, wherein said high-tension tensile wires are galvanized and said wire lath is one of galvanized metal and plastic.

Claim 20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (currently amended): The intermediate fence construction system according to claim ~~20~~ 16, wherein said

fence coating includes a scratch coat applied to said wire lath, a brown coat applied to said scratch coat and a finish coat applied to said brown coat.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The intermediate fence construction system according to claim 21, wherein said scratch coat is a Portland cement mixture with polymers, various fiber particles and selected sizes of aggregate.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The intermediate fence construction system according to claim 21, wherein said brown coat is of the same mixture as said scratch coat.

Claim 24 (previously presented) The intermediate fence construction system according to claim 21, wherein each of said scratch coat and said brown coat is about 3/8''.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The intermediate fence construction system according to claim ~~20~~ 16, further comprising a paint applied on said fence coating.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The intermediate fence construction system according to claim 25, wherein said paint is one of a prime coat and a color coat.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The intermediate fence construction system according to claim 16, further comprising a pre-constructed non-structural decoration column.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A fence comprising:

a plurality of fence posts;

a plurality of high-tension tensile wires secured to said plurality of fence posts, said high-tension tensile wires being tensioned to a pre-determined tension and having free ends;

a wire lath secured to said plurality of tensioned high-tension tensile wires and said fence posts and being compressed by said tensioned high-tension tensile wires; and

a fence coating applied to said wire lath, said high-tension tensile wires compressing said fence coating together with said wire lath.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The fence according to claim ~~32~~ 28, further comprising a paint applied to the surface of said fence coating.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The intermediate fence construction system according to claim 16, further comprising at least one supporting post for supporting at least one of said ratcheting posts.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The intermediate fence construction system according to claim 16, wherein said wire lath defines an unsupported fence bottom.

Claim 32 (cancelled).

Claim 33 (previously presented): The fence according to claim 28, wherein said wire lath defines an unsupported fence bottom.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The fence according to claim 28, wherein said fence posts include end fence posts and said high-tension tensile wires are unattached beyond said end fence posts.

Claim 35 (currently amended): A fence construction system, comprising:

a plurality of fence posts including end fence posts;

a ratcheting system including at least two permanent ratcheting posts, at least one of said ratcheting posts having a plurality of fastening locations;

a plurality of ratchets secured at least at some of said fastening locations;

a plurality of high-tension tensile wires running between said ~~temporary~~ permanent ratcheting posts and secured to said plurality of fence posts, at least one end of each of said high-tension tensile wires being connected to a respective one of said ratchets, said high-tension tensile wires being tensioned to a pre-determined tension by actuating said ratchets;

a wire lath secured to said plurality of tensioned high-tension tensile wires and said fence posts; and

a fence coating applied to said wire lath;

said tensioned high-tension tensile wires being cut between said end fence posts and said ratcheting posts compressing said wire lath and said fence coating.

Claim 36 (withdrawn): A method for constructing a fence with a

wall appearance and characteristics, which comprises the steps of:

erecting a plurality of fence posts including two end fence posts;

erecting two tensioning posts beyond the two end fence posts with a plurality of tensioners fixed on at least one of the tensioning posts;

stringing a plurality of high-tension tensile wires between the tensioning posts;

tensioning the high-tension tensile wires with the tensioners;

securing the high-tension tensile wires to the fence posts;

securing wire lath to the pre-stressed high-tension tensile wires;

applying fence coating material to the wire lath; and

cutting the high-tension tensile wires beyond the end fence posts.

Claim 37 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 36, which further comprises: removing the tensioning posts.

Claim 38 (currently amended): An intermediate fence construction system, comprising:

a plurality of fence posts including end fence posts;

a tensioning system including at least two temporary tensioning posts, at least one of said tensioning posts having a plurality of fastening locations;

a plurality of tensioners secured at least at some of said fastening locations;

a plurality of high-tension tensile wires running between said temporary tensioning posts and secured to said plurality of fence posts, at least one end of each of said high-tension tensile wires being connected to a respective one of said tensioners, said high-tension tensile wires being tensioned to a pre-determined tension by actuating said tensioners;

a wire lath secured to said plurality of tensioned high-tension tensile wires and said fence posts; and

a fence coating applied to said wire lath;

said tensioned high-tension tensile wires being cut between
said end fence posts and said tensioning posts compressing
said wire lath and said fence coating.

Claim 39 (currently amended): A fence construction system,
comprising:

a plurality of fence posts including end fence posts;

a tensioning system including at least two permanent
tensioning posts, at least one of said tensioning posts having
a plurality of fastening locations;

a plurality of tensioners secured at least at some of said
fastening locations;

a plurality of high-tension tensile wires running between said
permanent tensioning posts and secured to said plurality of
fence posts, at least one end of each of said high-tension
tensile wires being connected to a respective one of said
tensioners, said high-tension tensile wires being tensioned to
a pre-determined tension by actuating said tensioners;

a wire lath secured to said plurality of tensioned high-tension tensile wires and said fence posts; and

a fence coating applied to said wire lath;

said tensioned high-tension tensile wires being cut between said end fence posts and said tensioning posts compressing said wire lath and said fence coating.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The intermediate fence construction system according to claim 16, wherein said wire lath is directly secured to said plurality of tensioned high-tension tensile wires and said fence posts.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The fence according to claim 28, wherein said wire lath is directly secured to said plurality of tensioned high-tension tensile wires and said fence posts.

Claim 42 (cancelled).

Claim 43 (previously presented): The intermediate fence construction system according to claim 38, wherein said wire lath is directly secured to said plurality of tensioned high-

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tension tensile wires and said fence posts.

Claim 44 (cancelled).